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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

- (1) JP 11-096194
- (2) JP 11-250104

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Documents (1) and (2) were cited during prosecution of a Japanese patent application corresponding to the above U.S. application. A copy of the Japanese Office Action, dated December 12, 2005, is enclosed. Accordingly, in light of the date of the Japanese Office Action, it is hereby certified that each item of information cited in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement. In addition, the \$180.00 fee for consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement is enclosed herewith.

English-language abstracts accompany each of documents (1) and (2). The concise explanation of relevance for each of the non-English language documents (1) and (2) is believed to be satisfied by the enclosed English-language abstracts. See MPEP § 609.

The Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialing the appropriate portion of the Form PTO-1449 and returning the initialed form to Applicant at the Examiner's earliest convenience.

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